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- 3.— *Life and Character of the* REV. SYLVESTER JUDD. Boston: Crosby, Nichols, & Co. 1854. 12mo. pp. 513.

THIS book, which is just what such a book should be, brings vividly before us the life of one who was not without his eccentricities, but always a man of intellectual activity and power, of high aims, of large and generous sympathies, and whose fresh and original contributions to our American literature, having in themselves more than an ephemeral value, will now be read with increased interest by those who see in the work before us how pure and genuine was the source from which they came. We hope in a future number of our journal to give a more extended notice of Mr. Judd's life, character, and writings.

- 4.— *The Landing at Cape Anne; or, the Charter of the First Permanent Colony on the Territory of the Massachusetts Company, now discovered and first published from the Original Manuscript. With an Inquiry into its Authority, and a History of the Colony, 1624–1628, Roger Conant, Governor.* By JOHN WINGATE THORNTON. Boston: Gould and Lincoln. 1854. 8vo. pp. 84.

THIS monograph relates to a portion of the history of Massachusetts which has hitherto been somewhat obscure, and especially commemorates the worth and distinguished services of Roger Conant, whose name ought to lead the list of the Governors of Massachusetts. He came to Plymouth probably as early as 1622, and shortly afterwards withdrew to Nantasket with a little band of settlers, whose Puritanism was less rigid and exclusive than that of the main body. In 1624 he was invited to serve as Governor of a colony established at Cape Anne by the Dorchester Company, who held possession of that tract of territory as purchasers under a charter granted the previous year to Robert Cushman, Edward Winslow, and their associates at Plymouth. After two years and a half, reverses and discouragements led to the disbanding of the Cape Anne colony; but Conant by his prudence and energy was enabled to retain the best of the planters in the vicinity, removing with them to Naumkeag, now Salem. In 1628, he was superseded by Endicott under the Massachusetts Bay charter, and for the remaining half-century of his life he no more appears prominently in the affairs of the colony, though his name occurs several times in the records, and in connection with offices and trusts implying the general confidence. He was a man of eminent discretion, gentleness, and probity, though he